

AMENDMENTSIn the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0024] as follows:

[0024] FIG. 4 illustrates one example of texturizing hub 60 having a plurality of spaced-apart blades 62 disposed sinusoidally around the solid surface of a hub 64. Blades 62, one of which is best shown in FIG 5, have a plurality of teeth 66 which extend about 3/8-inch from the surface of hub 64 as shown in FIG. 4. The texturizing hub may be a buffering rasp used in buffering machines to automatically remove the entire tread material when retreading tires. A suitable tire rasp for use in a tire buffering machine is described in U.S. Patent No. 5,033,175 issued to Jensen, the entire subject matter of which is incorporated herein by reference. It will be appreciated that other texturizing hubs may be suitable for texturizing tread surfaces of tires as described below. For example, the texturizing hub may have a plurality of straight or parallel spaced-apart blades, a plurality of spaced-apart teeth, or other configurations, and formed from various materials.